

Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
September 7, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

×	Jeff Adkisson	×	Jim Fulgenzi, Jr.
×	Michael Aiello	×	Bob Gray
×	Daniel Cadigan	×	Karen Hasara
	Patrick Coburn		Marilyn Kushak
	Jerry Crabtree	×	Mike Murphy
×	Gary Crompton	×	Robert Plunk
×	James Donelan	×	Kent Redfield
×	Kevin Dorsey	×	J. D. Sudeth
×	Cliff Erwin	×	Kenley Wade
	Lee Fields, Jr.	×	Joan Walters

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
Amy Uden- SSCRPC
Jason Nevel- State Journal Register
Molly Berns- SSCRPC

Josh Collins- GSCC
Jake Ferguson- SSCRPC
Carroll Sutton
Sheila Stocks-Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Norm Sims called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed commissioners. Commissioners introduced themselves and their appointing bodies.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As this was the first meeting of the Commission, Sims presented a preliminary agenda to the Commission. He asked if there were any additions or amendments to the preliminary agenda. There were none. Mr. James Donelan made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Kevin Dorsey seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

III. OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION

Sims led the Commission in a discussion of the Sangamon County Board's Resolution No. 14-1, establishing the Citizens' Efficiency Commission. Sims highlighted the Commission's mission and purpose, its regular meeting requirement under the rules of the Open Meetings Act, and its specifications for establishing quorum. He noted that the duties and functions of the Commission are repealed four years after the establishing referendum, and that the Commission's recommendations should be made within thirty-six months after establishment by referendum.

IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

Mr. Jim Fulgenzi, Jr. nominated Hon. Karen Hasara for the position of Commission Chair. Mr. Daniel Cadigan seconded the nomination. With no other nominations or discussions, the Commission proceeded to a voice vote electing Hasara to the position of Citizens' Efficiency Commission Chairperson. The vote to elect was unanimous.

V. DISCUSSION OF CEC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Chairwoman Hasara opened discussion concerning the regular meeting schedule for the Commission. After some discussion, the Commission designated the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM for regularly scheduled meetings. The Commission agreed to revisit the question after a trial period.

The Commission and SSCRPC staff agreed to investigate alternative meeting locations.

Mr. Robert Gray suggested that the Commission meet twice monthly during its early stages. The Commissioners agreed to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 3:00 PM.

VI. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT CEC BY-LAWS

Hasara indicated that Commissioners had been provided with draft by-laws for review, modeled by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission staff after those of a comparable commission. She suggested that Commissioners review the draft by-laws for amendment and approval at the next meeting. Mr. Sims noted that if amendments or suggestions were email to him, he would compile a list of them for the Commissioners' review.

VII. ROLE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN CEC ACTIVITIES

Sims outlined the limited role of the Regional Planning Commission in relation to the CEC. The SSCPRC, with the assistance of volunteers, will handle general meeting logistics. As staffing allows, the SSCRPC will also assist in research tasks and will provide guidance to the CEC concerning other comparable commissions' actions. He asked Commissioners to notify him of any individuals they were aware of who might be willing to assist the CEC as volunteers.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF CEC'S APPROACH TO ITS TASKS

Hasara asked for suggestions regarding the Commission's operation. The Commission indicated a desire to hear background reports at initial meetings concerning the various jurisdictions' structures, functions, and budgets. At the next meeting, Mr. Gary Crompton, Fulgenzi, and Donelan will provide background information on the Fire Protection Districts, the Park Districts, and the Townships, respectively.

Sims suggested an emphasis on common or replicated functions among jurisdictions. He also indicated that it would be helpful to examine already existing shared functions.

Mr. Robert Plunk and Hasara discussed the role of Commissioners in relation to their appointing jurisdictions.

Gray and others requested overviews of the various taxing bodies and their financial information. Sims noted concerns of overlapping jurisdictional boundaries and the utility of the financial information given the wide range of budget types used by the various jurisdictions in the county.

Hasara proposed having several public meetings to provide opportunities for public input and participation. Mr. Mike Murphy and Mr. Jeff Adkisson agreed to form a subcommittee to organize these meetings. Mr. Mike Aiello suggested inviting public commentary through the State Journal Register. The Commission engaged in further discussion regarding possible committee structures.

Ms. Joan Walters expressed a desire for updated information on the Open Meetings Act and FOIA rules for the body. Hasara indicated the importance of Open Meetings Awareness, especially at the committee level.

IX. APPROVAL OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission confirmed its goal of meeting twice monthly, and established its goals for the next meeting.

Next meeting date—September 28, 2011 at 3:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Uden
Acting as Recording Secretary